

HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, on September 6 the Financial Services Subcommittees held a hearing on a proposal to help Florida homeowners with their skyrocketing insurance costs. I am very troubled by the Administration's testimony and comments during that hearing.

The Administration alluded that homeowners are not paying enough for their premiums. The Administration claims that the insurance market is "active and effective."

Furthermore, the Administration's bipartisan opposition to any proposal by my colleagues or me to help homeowners along the Gulf Coast is a position we cannot accept.

Madam Speaker, I am troubled that the Administration continues to take a "let them eat cake" attitude while families and seniors are being forced from their homes, simply because they cannot afford property insurance. I hope the Administration takes notice of this problem soon, and begins to work with my colleagues and me to bring some relief to our constituents.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS
OF PAULA SZYPKO, M.D., FCAP**HON. VIRGINIA FOXX**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a fine doctor from North Carolina, my friend Dr. Paula Szytko of High Point. Her commitment to advocating for quality care for her patients is truly admirable.

Dr. Szytko will be stepping down at the end of this month as chair of the Federal and State Affairs Committee of the College of American Pathologists. Pathologists are physicians who help care for patients every day by providing doctors with the information they need to ensure appropriate patient care.

As a pathologist specializing in anatomic and clinical pathology at the North State Pathology Associates in High Point, she has been a leading advocate for early cancer screening tests, especially Pap tests. No screening test in medical history has been as effective for early detection of cervical cancer in women as the Pap examination.

As a member of the American College of Pathologists' Spokesperson Network, she has made numerous television appearances to advance this cause. For her effort she was awarded the CAP William H. Kuehn, Ph.D., Outstanding Communicator Award in 1999.

Her commitment to patient access to quality health care led her to meet with President George Bush in 2002, along with former Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson, at the High Point Regional Health System in High Point, NC, to discuss her concerns about the rising cost of medical liability insurance.

Dr. Szytko received her medical degree from the Wake Forest University School of Medicine in Winston-Salem. Following medical

school, Dr. Szytko completed an internship in internal medicine at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, DC, and served her residency at North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

While Dr. Szytko will be stepping down as chair of the College of American Pathologists' Federal and State Committee, I know that she will be a strong voice for promoting quality health care excellence in her profession. Please join me in recognizing this outstanding physician for her advocacy and commitment to the patients she serves.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ROGER
BRYAN**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

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Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Roger Bryan. Mr. Bryan served the Clark County School District as an educator and administrator for over 35 years, and this year he will be celebrating the 10th anniversary of an elementary school being named in his honor.

Roger Bryan began his career as an educator before the age of 20. After only five years of teaching Roger was offered a principal position. In his 25 years in that capacity, he had the honor of opening three new schools and positively influencing innumerable young minds. He is an outstanding educator whose commitment to our community has made a profound difference to the students of Clark County. Roger was considered to be a "hands-on" administrator. It was not uncommon for him to stop by classes in order to teach a lesson in math or reading. Later on in his career, Roger went on to serve the Clark County School District as a school facilitator and as a member of the Elementary Division Administrative Team. In Roger's 35 years as a teacher, principal, and central office administrator, he never used a single sick day. Roger's commitment to education throughout his career is admirable.

Roger has not only served the Clark County School District, but he has also managed to coach basketball and be actively involved in the Boy Scouts of America. He has coached school and community basketball teams, many of which have gone to state and national championships. Being an Eagle Scout himself, Roger has continued to be involved in the organization by serving as a member of the Council Training Team and as an Explorer Unit leader.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Roger Bryan. His commitment to education as well as his involvement in the community should serve as an example to us all. I applaud his dedication and wish him the best.

TRIBUTE TO DAISAKU IKEDA

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

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Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend an

admirable leader Daisaku Ikeda on the 50th anniversary of Soka Gakkai International. As president, Mr. Ikeda is an exemplary humanitarian committed to developing a peaceful world.

As a young man, Mr. Ikeda was a disciple of Josei Toda, founder of Soka Gakkai International, of which 5,000 members reside in Dallas, TX. During this time, he adopted the mission to embrace the movement of human revolution based on daily efforts to transform their individual lives from within through a consistent and essential aspect of the historical challenge of nuclear disarmament, abolition and peace.

Mr. Ikeda is a prolific writer, poet, peace activist, pianist, environmentalist, photographer and interpreter of Nichiren Buddhism. In 1983, Mr. Ikeda proposed his first peace proposal in response to challenges of our global society grounded in his Buddhist perspective. This proposal is submitted each year to the United Nations.

As president of Soka Gakkai International, Mr. Ikeda has founded several institutions, such as Soka schools, the Min-On Concert Association, the Tokyo Fuji Art Museum, the Institute of Oriental Science and the Toda Institute for Global Peace and Policy Research to promote educational, cultural, and artistic activities and to conduct exchanges with like groups and institutions on a global scale.

He has also initiated a wide range of grassroots exchange programs and delivered speeches at a number of institutions of higher learning around the world, including Harvard University, the Institut de France and Beijing University.

On behalf of the 30th Congressional District of Texas, I am honored to commend the life of an astounding man, Daisaku Ikeda and congratulate him on the 50th anniversary of Soka Gakkai International.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF
KENNETH PRUITT, JR.**HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, Kenneth P. Pruitt, Jr. was known to his family and friends as "KP." he had great wit, a sharp intellect, and demonstrated a sincere kindness to everyone who came across his path. That life was cut too short when Kenneth died on August 15, 2007, in Tallahassee, Florida, at the young age of 29.

Kenneth was the son of our Florida Senate President Ken Pruitt and Dianne Peters of Tampa.

Kenneth had an exceptional capacity for understanding computer systems and software from a very young age. He used this talent in the marketplace and in the public sector. Kenneth served as a network administrator at the State of Florida's Department of Revenue where he worked in the Child Support Enforcement Division. At the time of his death, Kenneth was working in the Information Technology department at Tallahassee HealthCare.

He was also rich in friends and family. He is survived by his daughter Chloe, age four, step-mother Aileen Pruitt of Port St. Lucie; siblings Steven, Mark, Ashley, and Michelle;